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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor(s): Gregor Tuma, Mario Schubert, Claus Schaffrath

Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING THE APERTURE ANGLE OF A JOINT

1. Papers Enclosed That Are Required for Filing Date under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

14 Pages of specification including claims

1 Pages of Abstract

3 Sheet(s) of drawing(s)

☐ The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." 37 C.F.R. 1.84(b).

2. Additional papers enclosed:

☐ Preliminary Amendment

☐ Assignment to \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.98)

☒ Form PTO-1449 ☒ Citations

☐ Other:

3. Small Entity Status: ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. ☒ Not claimed.

4. Declaration or oath: ☐ Enclosed ☒ Not enclosed.  
☐ Enclosed is a copy of a declaration filed in prior application No. <> of which this is a ☐ continuation / ☐ divisional. The accompanying continuation or divisional application is not believed to introduce any new matter.
5. Language: ☒ English ☐ Non-English  
☐ A verified/accurate translation is enclosed (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
6. This application claims priority of the below listed application(s) (if any):

Country	Application No.	Filing Date	Certified Copy Enclosed
EP	02 021 384.9	September 24, 2002	Yes
US	60/440,700	January 17, 2003	No

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Fee Calculation					Fee
Basic fee →					\$750.00
Claims*	Number filed		Number extra	Rate	
Total claims	15	-20	0	\$18.00	\$0.00
Independent claims	2	-3	0	\$84.00	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims (if applicable)				\$280.00	
Total of above					\$750.00
Small entity status claimed (1 if Yes, 0 if No) →					\$0.00
Total fee					\$750.00
Non-English language specification				\$130.00	
Fee for recording enclosed assignment				\$40.00	
Total fees					\$750.00

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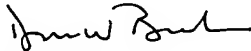
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